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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the PATENT APPLICATION of:

Westhoff et al.

Application No.: 09/395,106

Confirmation No.: 5428

Filed: September 14, 1999

For: MANHOLE INSERT FOR

MANUFACTURE OF A CAST MEMBER AND TO PROVIDE A STEP INSERT HAVING INCREASED STRUCTURAL

AND HOLDING STRENGTH

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Examiner:

Tran A, Phi Dieu N

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Official Action dated May 10, 2002 and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from Application No. 60/100,234; filed on September 14, 1998 which application is incorporated herein by reference.--

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